Washington, DC (February 15, 2011) – On Tuesday, Gus met with Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and a Retired U.S. Army General, to discuss issues vital to veterans and the ways Congress and the Department can work to advocate for veterans benefits.

"The Secretary and I both realize how important it is that we help veterans receive access to the benefits they deserve," said Gus, the Vice Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

Among other topics, Gus and Secretary Shinseki discussed issues of importance to the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital. Gus has met with Secretary Shinseki on numerous occasions to work together for the 1.7 million veterans living in Florida.

